AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-41. (Canceled)

Claim 42. (Previously Presented) A method for formatting a document for presentation on an output device comprising:

interrogating the output device to determine a set of capabilities of the output device in response to a request for the document;

generating a style sheet based upon the set of capabilities of the output device determined by interrogating the output device; and

formatting the document for presentation on the output device using the style sheet.

Claim 43. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 42, wherein generating a style sheet is performed using a general purpose layout generator adapted for use with a plurality of documents.

Claim 44. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 42, wherein generating a style sheet is performed using a layout generator designed only for use with the document.

Claim 45. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 42, wherein the style sheet is external to the document.

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Claim 46. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 42, wherein the style sheet is embedded in the document.

Claim 47. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 42, wherein generating a style sheet comprises selecting a style definition which defines a format value for a format property, the format value supported by the set of capabilities of the output device.

Claim 48. (Previously Presented) A method for generating a style sheet used to format a document for presentation on an output device comprising:

interrogating the output device to determine a set of capabilities of the output device in response to a request for the document; and

based upon the set of capabilities of the output device determined by interrogating the output device, generating a style sheet having a plurality of style definitions for formatting the document for presentation on the output device.

Claim 49. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 48, further comprising:

embedding the generated style sheet in the document.

Claim 50. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 48, wherein the generated style sheet is external to the document.

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Claim 51. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 48, wherein generating a style sheet comprises:

selecting a style sheet from a plurality of style sheets.

Claim 52. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 48, wherein each of the style definitions assigned a format value to a format property, and wherein generating a style sheet having a plurality of style definitions comprises generating a plurality of style definitions with format values supported by the set of capabilities of the output device.

Claim 53. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 48, wherein the document is a generalized markup language document.

Claim 54. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 48, wherein interrogating the output device is performed using a layout generator.